Mr. Srinivasa Rao—"Shooting is a pasttime and there is hardship caused by withholding license."

Mr. Graham Anderson.—"Gun license and sporting license are different; the one appears to be confounded with the other."

Mr. Danvers.—"Those that get gun license ought, properly speaking, to get sporting license, when more sympathy is shown for game preservation."

Reply of Government.—No case has been made out for the interference of Government in this matter. Individual cases of hardship, if any, may be brought to the notice of Government.

Subject No. 71.

Requestng certain restrictions in granting licenses under the Arms Regulation.

Mr. Linge gowda of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Mischievous people living in villages obtain licenses under the Arms Regulation and shoot people who are on inimical terms with them. It is requested that licenses may not be granted to such people and that the same may be granted only to those who pay kandayam of not less than 25 rupees or who can furnish security to the extent of Rs. 500. It is also requested that none but the licensee may be permitted to use a fire-arm.

Reply of Government.—The rules already provide for licenses being issued subject to precautions. The District Magistrate has full discretion as to the persons to whom licenses should be granted or renewed. A license covers only the person or persons named therein, and in exceptional cases the retainers of such a person. Let individual cases where licenses have been wrongly issued be represented.

Subject No. 72.

Exemption from holding License for Arms.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Pleader, Sagar Taluk.
" Srinivasa Rao of Mysore Taluk.
" Madappa of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the head men of villages and other raiyats who pay large assessment, as also Inam, Jodi and Kayamguttadars, and merchants and such persons whom the Deputy Commissioner thinks deserving may be permitted to hold arms without a license.

Reply of Government.—Village Patels *are* now exempted. It is not possible to exempt Inamdars and others by a general order, but the rules provide for landholders of approved loyalty and good position being exempted according to lists to be issued by Government. Such exemptions are being granted in individual cases and with discrimination. Let the person wishing to be exempted apply to the Deputy Commissioner who will enquire into the matter and take the needful action.

Subject No. 73.

Municipal and District Board Members may be also exempted from the operation of the Arms Regulation.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar.
" Gopalaiya, Local Fund Member, Chitaldrug District.

Summary of discussion.—Order was passed to the effect that exemption from licenses for possessing guns may be granted only to the Dasara Representative Members. The same concession may be shown to Municipal and District Board members and Muzrai Dharmadarsis.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.